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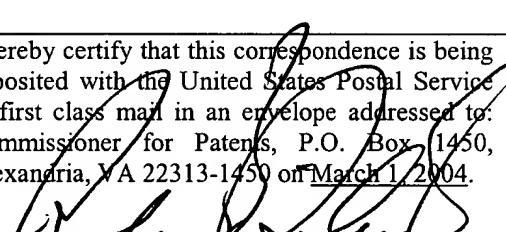
In re Application of:)
Kazushige Yonenaga, et al.)
Application No. 09/496,974) Art Unit: 2665
Filed: February 2, 2000) Examiner: Hsu, Alpus
For: Precoding Circuit And)
Precoding-Multiplexing Circuit For)
Realizing Very High Transmission)
Rate In Optical Fiber Communication)

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FIRST RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated August 29, 2003 in the patent application identified above, please enter the following amendments and reconsider the application in view of the appended remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

A request for three-month extension of time accompanies this response.